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▶ Dave Schultz, manager of Hanger 18 Tattoos (417 Richmond St.), is ready to put his needles to good use. Read about what Schultz and other Hanger 18 artists have up their sleeves this weekend on page 3.

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This won't hurt a bit: Tats for a good cause

Hope holds out on the picket line

Layoffs aren't a sign Electro-Motive is headed south, workers say ◐ Horwath says employees have been 'kicked to the curb'

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Several locked-out workers at Electro-Motive Diesel are considering the layoff of some salaried employees nothing more than a scare tactic by the plant's parent company.

The workers — who were handed pink slips on Monday — are merely "pawns in the chess game" with U.S.-based Caterpillar, Rob White said Tuesday. The Canadian Auto Workers dismissed talk that the layoffs could be a sign of plans to close the London plant and move stateside.

"It's their way of (saying we) really mean business," White, an Electro-Motive employee, said. "This is an attack on all working people — union and non-union."

Picketing workers were in high spirits on Tuesday morning as they greeted Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

Horwath — flanked by fellow NDPers MP Irene Mathyssen and MPP Theresa Armstrong — chatted with workers for about an hour, calling for the provincial and federal governments to step up and protect them.

Companies that receive tax incentives for opening up shop should be required to make "ironclad" guarantees of jobs, Horwath said. Caterpillar received tax breaks when it bought out Electro-Motive's former parent company, General Motors.

"It shouldn't be a matter of helping these companies out … then watching them shut their doors and walk away," she said.

Horwath echoed CAW complaints that Caterpillar hasn't been bargaining in good faith during contract negotiations.

Council stands beside workers

City councillors passed a resolution Tuesday encouraging Electro-Motive Diesel workers and company officials to accept the province's offer of a mediator.

City officials need to send a united message to the plant owner, Mayor Joe Fontana said.

"They have an obligation to this city because we have supported (Electro-Motive), regardless of owners, for 62 years," Fontana said. "We want them to negotiate a fair and reasonable collective agreement with those workers."

◐ ANGELA MULLINS

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▶ City manager Jeff Fielding, left, checks his BlackBerry on Tuesday during his final London City Council meeting. Fielding tendered his resignation to the city Dec. 2. His last day on the job will be Jan. 29. Mayor Joe Fontana thanked Fielding for his service at Tuesday's meeting, calling him an "incredible champion" for the city.

Council split on Wonderland Road plan

City planners have been directed to draft a plan for the Wonderland Road corridor with a greater focus on retail and commercial development.

Councillors gave the directive during a Tuesday council meeting that included a lengthy debate about the issue and saw some accuse their colleagues of throwing politics ahead of planners' expertise.

The new plan will be presented during an April 12 committee meeting. An already drafted plan, which shows less retail and commercial land, also will be presented.

Some councillors in support of a second option stressed that more businesses would mean more jobs. Some of those opposed to the idea said they don't want the Wonderland corridor to look like Wellington Road, which they consider an eyesore.

Also on Tuesday, councillors voted against hiring a Toronto company to produce a light show during the 2013 World Figure Skating Championships at the John Labatt Centre. The company would be paid $597,900. Council previously had endorsed the plan. ANGELA MULLINS

Biodiversity threatened without a plan: Expert

Ontario's environmental watchdog is taking the Liberal government to task for not having a strategy to stem a continuing decline in the province's species and natural spaces.

Environmental commissioner Gord Miller says Ontario needs a plan to deal with significant threats to biodiversity such as habitat degradation, climate change, invasive species and pollution.

Ontario adopted a biodiversity strategy in 2005, but it expired last year, and so far the Liberals have not adopted an updated plan.

Miller says the government cannot avoid its obligation to respond to what he calls an urgent crisis, but adds the province is "ill prepared" to meet the challenge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Biker unit aids with arson investigation

Police chief 'very concerned' about weekend blazes

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Investigators from the Ontario Provincial Police-led biker enforcement unit have been called on to help in a probe of four weekend fires, London police chief Brad Duncan said Tuesday.

Two of the fires have ties to rival motorcycle clubs, Duncan said, but police have not determined if they resulted from an "altercation" between the groups.

La Tinta Latina tattoo parlour (328 Hamilton Rd.) was burned about 3:40 a.m. Saturday. The owner of that business is associated with the Outlaws gang, police said.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO FILE

▶ Police chief Brad Duncan

Firefighters were called shortly after 5 a.m. Sunday to Famous Flesh Gordon's, 2190 Dundas St. — a strip club owned by Rob Baretta, reportedly a high-ranking member of London's Hells Angels chapter.

"Obviously (the ownership) plays into our investigation, notwithstanding (the fires) could be unrelated," Duncan said. "We're keeping all of our investigative options open."

The chief said investigators have found no proof that two other adult-entertainment businesses burned Sunday have ties to the Hells Angels, despite previous media reports.

Police have released few details about the blazes, citing the ongoing investigation. An accelerant was used at each of the businesses and there are similarities in the way the fires started, Duncan said Tuesday.

"I'm very concerned for this occurring in our community," he said referring to four arsons in a little more than 24 hours. "If there are overtones with respect to gang activity, we know historically that it's been limited to one member against one member or one group against one group."

But, he noted, it's not unheard of for innocent bystanders to get caught in "turf wars."

Fire timeline

Saturday

- **3:36 a.m.:** 328 Hamilton Rd., La Tinta Latina tattoo parlour, $1,000 damage.

Sunday

- **4:43 a.m.:** 1180 Oxford St. E., Blue Lagoon II massage parlour, $100,000 damage plus $50,000 damage to adjacent businesses.
- **5:05 a.m.:** 2190 Dundas St., Famous Flesh Gordon's. strip club, $10,000 damage
- **5:15 a.m.:** 125 Clarke Rd., Virginia's Adult Massage & Spa, $25,0000 damage.

Source: London Fire Dept.

Gala to feature time-capsule opening

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H.B. Beal Secondary School will celebrate 100 years of providing technological and artistic education to students since its founding by Herbert Benson Beal in 1912.

The gala will take place at Beal's Grand Auditorium (525 Dundas St.) on Thursday at 7:15 p.m. MPP Sue Barnes and Mayor Joe Fontana will join Joyce Bennett, chair of the Thames Valley board of trustees, and education director Bill Tucker in greeting students, teachers, parents and alumni — including Beal's oldest living alumna and a family with four generations of Beal grads.

There will be a showcase of music, dance and dramatic selections by Beal students, past and present. Guests will also witness the opening of the secret box sealed at the time of the 75th anniversary. METRO

$10 The cost of tickets, available at Beal, Tuckey Home Hardware, Chapters bookstores and Belle Air Music.

News in brief

Mayor's address

STATE OF THE CITY. More than a thousand business leaders will gather at the London Convention Centre on Wednesday morning for Mayor Joe Fontana's second State of the City Address. The address, hosted by the London Chamber of Commerce, will be livestreamed at mayorfontana.ca. Start time is 8:20 a.m. METRO

Housing starts

UPS AND DOWNS. New home starts were up in the London census metropolitan area in December, according to preliminary figures from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. But in the year ending December 2011, single-detached home starts were down nearly 20 per cent compared to 2010. METRO

Social workers protest cuts

Community Living London employees warn the city's most vulnerable will be impacted by a recent decision to lay off a handful of workers.

About a dozen employees staged an information picket Tuesday morning outside the Ministry of Community and Social Services building on York Street.

"The Ministry of Community and Social Services continues to ignore the chronic funding crisis in this sector," said Warren Thomas, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

"Waiting lists across the province continue to rise with no relief in sight."

Community Living London announced earlier this week a plan to lay off seven developmental service workers and to dramatically reduce part-time hours in an effort to balance their budget. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Tattoo parlour to ink it up for kids' charity

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

▶ Dave Schultz, manager at Hanger 18 Tattoos (417 Richmond St.), tattoos Amanda Wong, 20, on Tuesday at his shop. Schultz and other Hanger 18 artists are planning a charity tattoo day on Saturday.

Hanger 18 artists to give proceeds to Children's Wish Foundation

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Children and tattoo parlours typically don't mix.

But artists at Hanger 18 Tattoos and officials at the Children's Wish Foundation will make a special exception on Saturday.

The Richmond Street shop has teamed up with the non-profit for a charity tattoo day. The goal is to raise as much as possible for the group and make a lot of dreams come true for sick kids.

"We figured we might as well do something for someone other than us," Hanger 18 manager Dave Schultz said, explaining how the idea got off the ground.

Schultz and others at the business kicked the prospect of tattooing for charity around for several months before taking action. They decided to join forces with Children's Wish because Hanger 18's owner — Sean Strouse — has a friend who has benefited from the group's work.

Schultz took the lead in the planning, designing 40 tattoos people can choose from during the event.

With most of the spots for the day already booked, artists are planning to take on a few extra people — and tack on several extra hours — to do the most good.

"We'll go as long as our hands will take us," Schultz said.

About the event

▶ The charity tattoo day at Hanger 18 (417 Richmond St.) starts at 10 a.m. with a fixed price of $50 on all designs. Call the shop at (519) 432-7666 for details about booking an appointment.

Third Adrenaline fighter joins UFC

3 The number of fighters from London's Adrenaline Training Center active in the UFC.

Another London-based fighter is about to join UFC.

Adrenaline Training Center confirmed that welterweight Chris Clements will make his UFC debut March 24 against Keith Wisniewski at UFC 145 in Montreal. Featherweight Mark Hominick is on the same card in a bout against Eddie Yagin. A third Adrenaline fighter, lightweight Sam Stout, takes on Thiago Tavares on Saturday at UFC Rio in Brazil. **METRO**

TREA to host workshop

Thames Region Ecological Association (TREA) will host a free workshop Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Grosvenor Lodge (1017 Western Rd.). Sean Russell of Veresen will discuss district energy and how it is used. **METRO**

Stars on Ice is coming

Olympic gold medallists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, bronze medallist Joannie Rochette and other world-class figure skaters with Stars on Ice will perform in London on May 6 at the JLC. **METRO**

▶ Rick Nash

Knights to raise Nash's number

The London Knights will raise Rick Nash's No. 61 to the rafters on Friday, Jan. 20.

The former Knights assistant captain was an OHL rookie of the year and has gone on to a stellar NHL career with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

The retiring of Nash's number will take place before the Knights host the Owen Sound Attack.

The game will start at 7 p.m. after the ceremony in order to accommodate Sportsnet's national broadcast of Friday Night Hockey. **METRO**

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Four dead in northern Ontario airplane crash

Plane caught fire after crashing, safety board rep says

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METRO CANADA IN WINNIPEG

Four people are dead and one was airlifted to hospital after a Winnipeg Keystone Air flight carrying five people crashed in northern Ontario Tuesday morning.

Peter Hildebrand, regional operations manager for the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, confirmed three passengers and the pilot perished when the lightweight Piper PA 31 plane slammed onto North Spirit Lake, nearly a kilometre from the airport at North Spirit Lake reserve.

The crash happened just after 10 a.m., said Hildebrand, adding it was his understanding the plane caught fire after crashing.

A person reached at the Thunder Bay Aboriginal Strategies Inc. office, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed two of its employees, Colette Eisinger and Ben Van Hoek, died in the crash. No one answered the phone at ASI's downtown Winnipeg office.

A North Spirit Lake resident by the name of Martha Campbell also died. The name of the pilot and the name of the male survivor have not been released.

Band councillor Maggie Kakegamic said the lone survivor is a friend of hers, but didn't know the extent of his injuries or his prognosis.

"I went and saw him. He said, 'I'll be OK.' I hope he is. He's one of our workers. They're monitoring him right now," she said.

George Riopka, spokesman for Keystone Air Service, said details were sketchy. It was too soon to know whether the crash was caused by mechanical failure, he said.

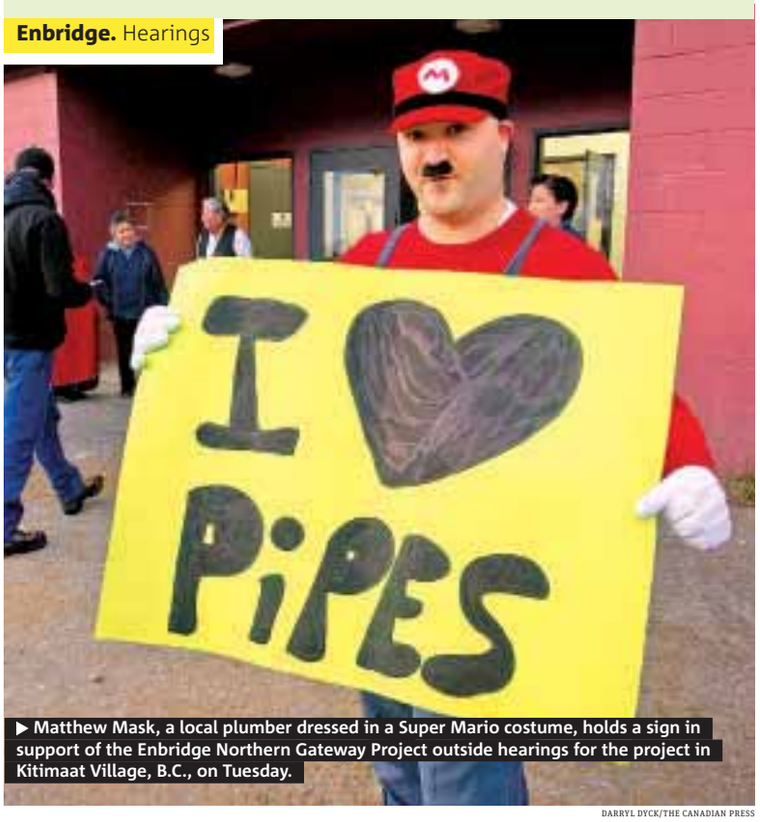
Witnesses said the plane was trying to land during a severe snowstorm, but Riopka said there was nothing to indicate the weather was poor.

Hildebrand said the board will have more information Wednesday. Access to the reserve is available only by winter roads and plane. **WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Fatal flight

- The distance the plane can fly varies depending on the weight it is carrying, but the Transportation Safety Board of Canada said the plane was well within normal flight range.

Enbridge. Hearings



▶ Matthew Mask, a local plumber dressed in a Super Mario costume, holds a sign in support of the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project outside hearings for the project in Kitimaat Village, B.C., on Tuesday.

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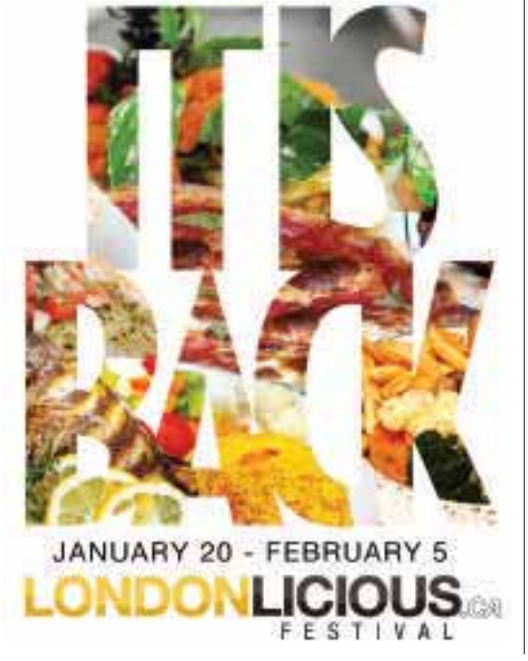
Piping up about the pipeline

Thousands of people have registered to speak at the hearings regarding the proposed $5.5-billion project to pipe Alberta oil 1,200-kilometres across Alberta and British Columbia to the northwest coast community of Kitimat, where the oil will be shipped overseas by oil tankers.

Youth charged in child's shooting on reserve



Chief Marvin Yellowbird hopes members of his reserve in central Alberta will keep talking with police so more arrests are made in unsolved crimes, just as they have been in the killing of his five-year-old grandson.

RCMP announced Tuesday that they have charged three teenage boys with manslaughter in last summer's fatal shooting of Ethan Yellowbird.

The boy was sleeping in his bed when a bullet fired from outside his bedroom wall struck him in the head last July..

RCMP said two of the accused have appeared in court and a warrant has been issued for the third. He is believed to be in Edmonton or nearby Red Deer. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Charmaine Yellowbird leaves a news conference in Hobbema, Alta., on Tuesday. Three youths have been charged in the July 2011 shooting death of her son Ethan Yellowbird.

"I can begin my healing journey. My son will always be in my heart and my memory."
STATEMENT WRITTEN BY ETHAN YELLOWBIRD'S MOTHER, CHARMAINE ASHLEY YELLOWBIRD

Romney wins New Hampshire primary

Mitt Romney won the all-important New Hampshire primary on Tuesday, moving closer to his coronation as his party's presidential nominee. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Mitt Romney

Woman fired for forging daughter's death certificate

A New York City school employee who forged a daughter's death certificate to get extra vacation time in Costa Rica has since been fired.

Joan Barnett, 58, a parent co-ordinator at the High School of Hospitality and Management, submitted an altered death certificate to get approved leave time in March and April 2010, according to an investigation report. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

If you build it, they may not come: Banks

- Economists warn of overbuilding in condo market
- Demand decline could lead to easing of home prices

The robust Canadian housing sector, especially the booming condo markets in Vancouver and Toronto, could be at risk in 2012, say the heads of some of Canada's biggest banks.

Gordon Nixon, president and CEO at Royal Bank, told a banking conference Tuesday that the Canadian housing market could be headed for a slowdown, led by Vancouver and Toronto.

"When you look at the condo side, there is probably vulnerability.... It is the area which is most vulnerable with respect to Canadian housing," he said.

Bank of Montreal president CEO Bill Downe agreed there is a risk of a downturn, saying the best hope is for a soft landing.

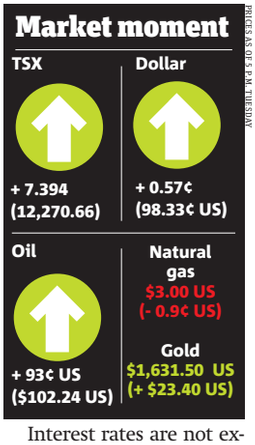
"There is no question that the warning signs around the Canadian housing market have been visible for more than a year," he said, also mentioning Toronto and Vancouver.

He said investor-owned properties are a concern because there is a buildup of supply based on investor expectations that there will always be demand.

Downe said the hope is that the housing market will plateau and the system will absorb the excess supply built up in those two cities.

Data showed that housing starts rose more than expected in November to more than 200,200 units, with condos in Toronto and the Atlantic region leading the way.

The influx of multi-unit construction has led some economists to warn of overbuilding, which could leave a glut of unsold homes.



Interest rates are not expected to increase in the coming year, but analysts noted that Canadian households are already at record high debt levels and the growth of both jobs and income has stalled.

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Defect. Redesign

▶ Boeing employee Brian Rothwell displays redesigned flooring, which has decreased defects, on the 737 plane production line at the company's Renton, Wash., factory on Tuesday.

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Boeing boosts production on 737

Boeing celebrated the increase in production rate of 737 line to 35 planes per month at the Renton factory.

Google gets personal on Plus network

Google is sifting through the photos and commentary on its blossoming social network so its Internet search results can include more personal information.

The additional personal touches mark another step towards one of Google's most ambitious goals — to know enough about each of its users so it can tailor its results to fit a unique person's search interests.

Google Inc. is now importing content from its six-month-old Plus service, a product introduced to counter the popularity of Facebook and Twitter. The preferential treatment for Plus might amplify concerns about the objectivity of Google's search results.

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BUDGET CUTS

Flaherty gets tough on spending

The federal government has increased spending every year for the last five years, but now Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says such spending schemes are "dangerous and risky."

Instead, Flaherty says the budgets of some departments could be cut by more than 10 per cent as the government reviews all spending in federal departments and agencies. The minister also said issues such as pension reform and other benefits for public servants are under the microscope.

Flaherty said he didn't believe the term austerity was apt for his the upcoming budget. "What we are going to have is a budget that takes us on the road to prudent results in the medium and longer term." All government departments were asked to come up with two plans analyzing cuts of five and 10 per cent, Flaherty said.

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Is Tim Cook top-paid CEO?

Tim Cook could well end up being the highest-paid CEO in America in 2011, after Apple Inc. granted him a million restricted stock units last August for taking the reins shortly before co-founder Steve Jobs died.

An Associated Press review of a securities filing shows Cook's pay package was valued at $378 million US. The grant of a million restricted stock units was worth $376 million at the time. His salary and performance bonus, about $900,000 each, made up much of the rest.

In comparison, Jobs accepted a $1 annual salary for years and owned about 5.5 million shares, worth about $2.3 billion today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Consumers cut down on credit

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▶ Canadians are paying off more of their credit card debt as they cope with a weaker economy and some restrictions on credit expansion.

Canadians are paying off more of their credit card debt and borrowing less as they cope with a weaker economy and some restrictions on credit expansion.

The latest national credit trends report from Equifax Canada, released Tuesday, says the average credit card debt fell in 2011 by 3.4 per cent.

Despite that improvement and a reduction in consumer bankruptcies last year, overall debt continues to rise — though much more slowly than before.

"The only product that has shown a reduction in balances over the course of 2011 are credit cards," says Nadim Abdo, vice-president of consulting and analytical services for Equifax Canada. "That in large part is due to changes in legislation and some restrictions placed on credit card issuers."

Gordon Nixon, president and CEO at Royal Bank, told a banking conference Tuesday that consumer lending has slowed, dropping to single-digit growth from double-digit expansion in the last few years.

150% Household-old debt-to-income levels sits at an historic 150 per cent, meaning that mortgage and other debts are 1.5 times a Canadian household's average income.

It appears consumers may be heeding warnings from Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty and others about the perils of taking on too much debt as household debt loads hit record highs last year.

The Equifax report says the average outstanding balances for all credit products in the fourth quarter of 2011 rose about four per cent — half the rate for the same 2010 quarter.

Still, Canadians are deeply in debt and rising mortgage debt and other credit could strain household spending if interest rates rise or if the economy weakens further from the impact of a European recession. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FAT CHANCE FOR MINISTRY OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

What's the matter with kids today?

Well, they're fat and getting fatter. According to the Canadian Childhood Obesity Foundation, 26 per cent of the little darlings between the ages of two and 17 are overweight or obese.

In 1978, the number was 15 per cent, so the problem is getting heavier, so to speak.

In case you're not clear on the terms, overweight is fat and obese is fatter.

So now that Canadian parents are raising a generation of porkers, what do we do about it?

Well, we don't do anything. Instead we demand that the government do something. It's the Canadian way.

"An Ipsos Reid poll published this week shows that a big fat majority of Canadians want the government to: pass a law requiring fast food restaurants to list calories, fat and sugar content on their menus ..."

An Ipsos Reid poll published this week shows that a big fat majority of Canadians want the government to: pass a law requiring fast-food restaurants to list calories, fat and sugar content on their menus (90 per cent); restrict the marketing of high fat, sugar and salt content foods to children (80 per cent plus) or ban it altogether (two-thirds).

And they want "resources" to help parents and children become active and healthy. I guess the 52 million plus results on Google aren't enough.

Let me help. You go to Google, type in "childhood obesity in Canada" and the first thing that comes up is the Childhood Obesity Foundation website, and on every page — you can't miss it — is the solution, called Four Simple Steps: Five fruits and vegetables a day; two hours of screen time or less per day; one hour of physical activity a day; zero sugar-sweetened beverages per day.

That's it. No need for government "resources" (code word for money); no need for a Ministry of Childhood Obesity overstuffed with civil servants telling you and your kids how to eat.

It's time to go on a government diet. Instead of looking for a Super Nanny State to take care of your kids, just follow the Four Simple Steps. I guarantee that if every kid follows the plan, there will be no childhood obesity.

Of course, the real problem is sitting on the couch reading this column. Almost 60 per cent of Canadian adults are overweight or obese (Remember? Fat and fatter?) It's do as I say, not do as I do, and you know where that gets you.

I'm no better than you are. My own kids are still recovering from a fast-food childhood. Not to mention their parents. But, really, it's time to stop looking for scapegoats and "resources." As that skinny Euro guy on the bank commercials might say: Save your kids.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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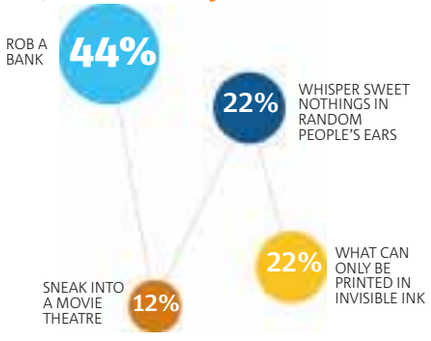
If you could be invisible for five whole minutes, what would you do?



Local tweets

- **@MySmartHandsLON:** Happy Tuesday everybody! It's a gorgeous day here in #ldnont...we may pay for this later with snow into Spring months but for now...enjoy!
- **@bjenkin27:** Tuesdays and Thursday's off? I LOVE my schedule this term .#UWO #lazymornings
- **@re_user:** Daydreaming about waiting for the Cherryhill just EOA in #ldnont this morning. Why? I'm crazy? ...Probably.
- **@tessamadison:** Beautiful day on campus! Glad I'm outside! #uwo
- **@meggymctavish:** happy that i'll be spending less than $100 on textbooks this semester #uwo
- **@AhmedEltawil:** Good morning #LDNOnt! I hope we all have a great and productive day :)
- **@JessAnneSteuer:** Bus is packed and I'm really grumpy, just try and bump ur backpack into me! :@ #fanshawe #todayonltc
- **@drewdeens:** Tis' the season where I sign up for multiple #uwo mastercards to get free shirts.
- **@Cali_cal12:** Thought someone robbed the RBC bank on Adelaide until I saw one of the cops poking an extremely large raccoon with a stick #ldnont #danger

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Daily Zoom

A case of Curious George

Stomach of (stainless) steel

An X-ray from a veterinary hospital shows a spoon lodged in Vincent's stomach. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This dog is a spoonful

Vincent, a nine-year-old Labrador retriever, holds a spoon in his mouth at his home in Annapolis, Md. The dog recently underwent surgery to have the utensil removed from his stomach.

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Good box office vibes

Marky Mark is making bank with his films Though he's not likely to get critical acclaim

IN FOCUS

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"I've always looked at my career as an athlete would look at his," said Mark Wahlberg, star of this weekend's thriller Contraband. "I won't play forever. Some don't know when to walk away, but the smart ones do."

Wahlberg has proven himself to be one of the smart ones. In a career that dates back 20 years, he has moved from strength to strength.

His first taste of success came as the titular lead rapper of Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch. Their 1991 hit Good Vibrations was a highpoint, but just two years later, Wahlberg walked away, leaving the Funky Bunch to fend for themselves.

Streamlining the Marky Mark moniker to his birth name, he took on his first role in front of the camera (that is if you don't count his short lived career as an underwear model for Calvin Klein). Roles in The Basketball Diaries (opposite his future The Departed star Leonardo DiCaprio) and Fear, where he played what one writer called "a teenaged Travis Bickle" got him notice, but it was Boogie Nights that made him a movie star.

The role of Dirk Diggler, a naïve man with physical charms sucked into the dark underbelly of the 1970s Californian porn industry, showed his range (among other things) but he wasn't the first choice for the role. DiCaprio was offered the part but turned it down because he was already committed to Titanic. He suggested his Basketball Diaries co-star Wahlberg.

The movie was a hit, but a certain prosthetic got almost as much attention as Wahlberg's performance. He still has the 13-inch rubber prop, which he keeps in a safe at his mother's home, otherwise, he says, "mom would… put it on the end of her Dustbuster thinking it came with the vacuum cleaner."

Since then Three Kings, The Perfect Storm, The Italian Job, Shooter, We Own the Night, Planet of the Apes and Four Brothers have all been box office hits. His work in The Departed brought him the best notices of his career to date plus an Oscar nomination and The Fighter (which he also produced) was an artistic triumph.

Despite all the spot-on choices, like many actors he's turned down some important roles. Can you imagine him as Linus in Ocean's 11? Or how about Brokeback Mountain? That part went to Jake Gyllenhaal, who earned an Oscar nod for his work.

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▶ Mark Wahlberg continues to make financial successes, while turning down more important roles.

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Mad Men

Mad Men last aired a new episode in Oct. 2010. But relief is in sight, according to its star, Jon Hamm. Hamm revealed on a podcast last week that the premiere of the fifth season is Mar. 25.

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COURTESY OF EONE FILMS

▶ On the job: Canadian director David Cronenberg.

A Dangerous Method, the new film from director David Cronenberg, is a tricky one to categorize

"It's sort of a love story," he says. "It really is a triangle, but it has so much other stuff going on. I don't even feel the need, myself, to characterize it, because to me that is a marketing problem, not a creative problem."

The movie vividly recreates Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortensen), Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender), the birth of psychoanalysis and the wedge a patient-turned-muse-turned-psychoanalyst Sabina Spielrein (Keira Knightley) drove between the two men.

"It's a fantastic story," says Cronenberg, "this sort of intellectual ménage à trois."

Based on a true story, the movie is rich with details taken directly from the personal papers of the real-life characters.

"For me, it's a process of resurrection," says the director. "I want to bring them back to life as accurately as possible.

"It's pretty accurate in terms of what they said and what they felt," he continues.

"It was an era of copious letter writing and these people were very obsessive about the details of conversation and who said what, and the meaning of very subtle things, so we have very accurate ideas of what they actually said to one another and how they interacted.

"For both actors, this was the grist for our mill."

Cronenberg repeatedly uses the word "charismatic" to describe his main characters.

Jung was "charismatic but very forceful" while Freud, he says, was "handsome, masculine, charming, seductive, charismatic, funny, witty. When you think of it he had to be that kind of charismatic leader to forge this alliance of disparate characters to create the psychoanalytic movement."

To cast these legendary characters, Cronenberg used his always-unerring eye.

Michael Fassbender (a likely Oscar nominee this year for his work in Shame) plays Jung as self-possessed and clinical.

But, as Cronenberg points out, he also portrays the complete devastation of a man who was emotionally distant.

"I love that aspect of Michael's performance," he says.

A Dangerous Method also sees the director reconnect with his frequent collaborator Viggo Mortensen.

"Casting Viggo is not what you would expect," he says. "Viggo Mortensen and Freud is not the most obvious casting choice, but we thought we were delivering the real Freud and in truth he was unusual in his time."

'So confident'

Viggo Mortensen opens up about working with David Cronenberg:

▶ "Most directors, even great directors, the subject mater and the sense that this is an important story about important people in our culture would have weighed them down to the point where they would have made something heavy and dull. But David is brilliant. He's so confident he went in the other direction. You can only do that if you know what you are doing."

COURTESY OF EONE FILMS

▶ Viggo Mortensen

Playing Freud

'HE WAS ROBUST AND HAD A GREAT APPETITE FOR LIFE'

In critically acclaimed A Dangerous Method, Viggo Mortensen plays the creator of psychotherapy — Sigmund Freud. The multi-talented 53-year-old star tells Metro Sweden that he's been in therapy himself. "I felt I needed to speak to someone who was objective," he says.

How did you prepare for the role? Well, I was probably an unusual choice for most people. I even thought so myself when David (Cronenberg) proposed it. Just because, physically, it was a bit of a stretch. But once I figured out how to do it and got comfortable with it, not just the physical side but also the way he spoke and his sense of humour, I could put some irony in his tone. I read everything I could get my hands on about how he moved and spoke. Then the cliché image of him that I had of an old, thin man with white hair went out the window. In his 50s, before he had cancer, he was robust and had a great appetite for life. He avoided on purpose talking over people's heads, and was very entertaining and generous and included his listeners, even when introducing a new revolutionary idea. He wasn't just polite but also very clever.

Have you been to therapy yourself? Yeah, about 20 years ago I went for a short time. I felt I needed to speak to someone who was objective, who had no emotional interest or investment in my situation. Sometimes you can just talk to a close friend in confidence, but at that point, and I still think now, that a sort of confession without any judgment, it's a great idea, especially with someone who can help you understand the connections of what you are saying. It helped me.

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Lifestyles of rich and famous: infant edition

Jay-Z and Beyoncé splash the cash for their new born baby Blue Ivy Carter

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Let's spend our time together this morning checking in on America's version of a royal birth, shall we? I speak, of course, about Blue Ivy Carter, who, according to a press release from her two very famous parents, had a very "emotional and extremely peaceful" birth. And, per the release, came into the world "naturally" (no C-section). You hear that? Not only was the birth peaceful, it was "extremely" so, meaning that Beyoncé does not vomit or poop herself while bringing life into this world. I doubt she even grimaced or cursed, she is that perfect. Another perfect thing? This baby's bling lifestyle. Beyoncé and Jay-Z reportedly spent $1.5 million on designer toys and nursery furnishings for the newborn.

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▶ 'Money ain't a thang' for Jay-Z and Beyoncé's new child.

"Jay-Z bought Beyoncé a solid gold handmade Ginza Tanaka rocking horse for $600,000. They've even splashed out on a $30,000 magical windmill playhouse for the garden and a mini Bugatti car, too," a source tells Britain's Star magazine. "They've bought a wardrobe packed with thousands of dollars' worth of one-off designer baby clothes."

Other items reportedly include a Swarovski crystal-encrusted high-chair, a chic lucite crib and gold and diamond rattles from Tiffany & Co.

Since the source of this story is Star magazine, let's take this with a grain of salt. But, really, a high chair covered in crystals?

Talking points

Snoop Dogg busted for pot possession

IN OTHER NEWS, SKY STILL BLUE. Snoop Dogg was arrested for marijuana possession in Texas when a police dog sniffed out some weed on his tour bus recently, according to TMZ.

Law enforcement officials say the discovery came during a routine border patrol stop in Sierra Blanca and that the rapper was issued a citation for misdemeanor drug possession and released.

Snoop has a prescription for marijuana in California, but that might not mean much in Texas. METRO

Perry bails on People's Choice

BETTER THINGS TO DO Katy Perry was set to take part in the People's Choice Awards Wednesday, her first public appearance since husband Russell Brand filed for divorce, but now she's skipping out on the show.

"Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the People's Choice Awards," Perry posted to Twitter.

"I want to thank you all for voting for me. Fingers crossed!" METRO

Celebrity tweets

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"Yes, sometimes celebrities don't wear make up. Shocking, I know. But we can get through this."

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"Shera was under the weather last week & this week it's Anna. Keeping my fingers crossed."

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Travel in brief

Penticton, B.C. is one of the 10 best places in the world to visit, according to a survey of Facebook users by the on-line publication The Huffington Post. The publication says it analyzed more than 200 million comments and other travel references on the social network site to come up with the list. The article says Penticton — nestled in the Okanagan Valley about a five hour drive east of Vancouver — is becoming a year-round vacation hot spot with its beautiful beaches, a burgeoning wine industry and many outdoor activities. Eric Sorensen, chair of the Penticton Business Development Group, calls the ranking a "huge coup" for his city.

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Indiana trumpets 46 'super' sandwiches for competition catering to Super Bowl fans

Cruising In style

Forget those giant city ships that can carry more than 6,000 cruisers
Premium cruise lines offer a luxury experience, complete with a butler

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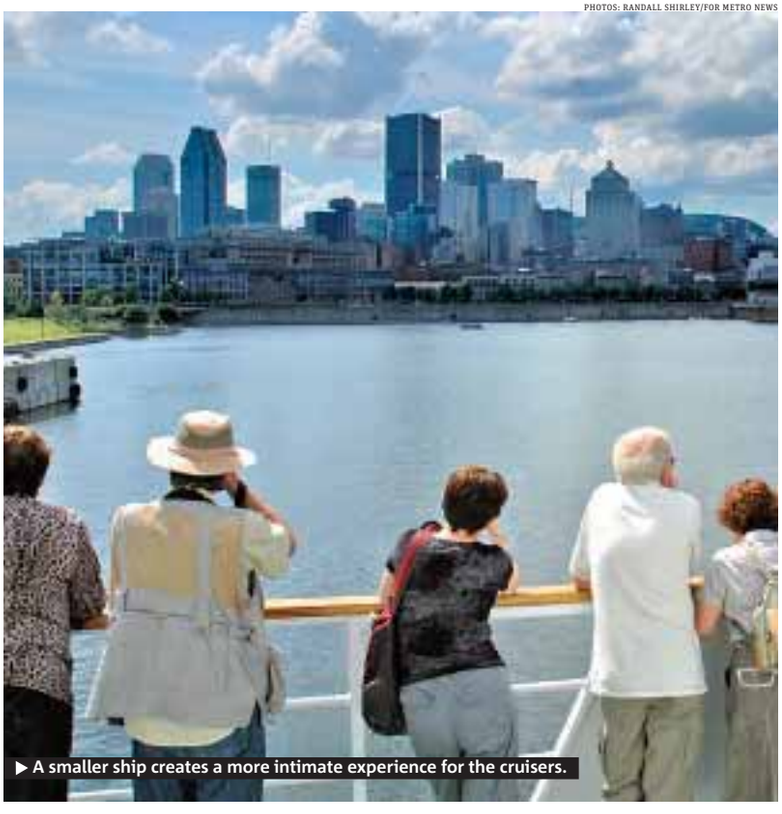

▶ A smaller ship creates a more intimate experience for the cruisers.

It's remarkable to watch an active volcano from the deck of a cruise ship in the middle of the night — especially in Europe.

The experience was not on our original itinerary, but it's the kind of unusual experience Captain Carl Smith loves to find and share with passengers onboard the Azamara Quest.

The deck lights are turned off, and passengers line the ship's decks to watch in awe as Italy's Mount Stromboli spews orange lava into the sky.

"I love my job!" Smith tells his passengers. And it shows; the captain even welcomes passengers to join him for a hike in Kotor, Montenegro — basically a "free" shore excursion. I've never seen any other cruise captain engage with passengers like this.

Cruising on a premium line with smaller ships creates a more intimate experience than the mass-market mega ships (some now carrying more than 6,000 passengers). For a price, passengers of Azamara, Regent Seven Seas, Seabourn, Crystal, and other premium, smaller-ship lines get an upscale experience with added value. The bonuses vary from line to line, but can include such things as airfare, shore excursions, or hotels before or after the cruise.

With a capacity of only about 700 passengers, the Azamara Quest isn't exactly a private yacht, but she's small enough to feel intimate, especially with a ratio of one staff member for two passengers — who are mostly adults on our sailing. Stepping aboard the Quest, my partner remarks that the ship's sophisticated and refined decor reminds him of a Fairmont hotel. The Azamara cruise fare includes basic gratuities. It also includes wine selections with lunch and dinner.

The food is the best I've ever eaten on a ship — good enough to tempt us away from Italy's restaurants and back onboard for dinner. Azamara offers long stays in some ports; with departures as late as 11:00 p.m., it's often possible to dine in port.

Our oversized stateroom (a "Club Continent Suite") includes a large balcony where our butler serves our requested breakfasts. Dining with the Italian coastline in sight is truly a dolce vita experience.

Toward the end of the voyage I hear many fellow passengers dreaming of their next Azamara trip. With a huge variety of ports and itineraries available, we're tempted to do the same.

But it's not just the itineraries that tempt us; it's the intimate feel, refined service and the personality of the crew — from the captain down — that may lure us back on board.

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Still a classic: The Love Boat itinerary

While the '70s TV series The Love Boat didn't invent cruising, it was a huge visibility boost to the industry.

The Pacific Princess isn't making another run to the Mexican Riviera this season, but her sister ship, Sapphire Princess, is. Other lines, including Holland America, Disney and Carnival, offer itineraries starting in L.A. or San Diego, with stops in Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. Love Boat port Mazatlan is sometimes included.

It's not likely your cruise director will be as concerned about your love-life as Julie McCoy was, but it's still a pleasant trip and often value-priced.

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▶ Shore excursions are often included on premium cruises.

It's not just for Christmas

The holidays may be over, but this lean meat can be enjoyed at any time of the year Try stuffing and roasting it, or if you still have frozen leftovers, make a gluten-free sandwich

In this recipe, the combination of sweet apples and savoury herbs infuse into the turkey, creating a tender and flavourful experience with every bite.

Serve it with green beans and mashed potatoes for a complete meal.

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This recipe makes two to four servings.

Ingredients:

- 1 turkey breast (1 to 1.5 kg/2 to 3 lb)
- 500 ml (2 cups) cubed bread pieces (crusts trimmed)
- 1 onion chopped
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
- 8 freshly chopped sage leaves
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) freshly chopped thyme, divided
- 2 eggs, beaten
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) each freshly chopped rosemary and parsley

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). In bowl, place bread, onion, celery, apples, sage and 7 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) of chopped thyme. Mix in eggs, salt, pepper.
2. Place turkey on cutting board and with sharp knife cut a deep pocket horizontally, being careful not to cut through other side. Pocket should be about 6 cm (2 1/2 inches) long and 3.5 cm (1 1/2 inches) deep. Spoon in stuffing.
3. Wrap foil around open end of turkey and use butcher's twine to secure lengthwise and then widthwise. Rub turkey with remaining chopped thyme, rosemary and parsley, salt and pepper and transfer to a roasting pan. Roast turkey for 30 to 40 minutes or until an instant-read thermometer registers 75 C (165 F). Remove from oven and let rest for 10 minutes before slicing. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CHEF JOHN CIRILL**

Drink of the week

Pear & Cranberry Bellini

- 45 ml (1 1/2 oz) pear nectar or pear puree
- 45 ml (1 1/2 oz) cranberry juice
- Sparkling wine
- Pomegranate seeds, for garnish

In a cocktail shaker, with ice, combine pear nectar and cranberry juice. Shake well to chill. Pour into a Champagne flute, top with sparkling wine and garnish with a sprinkle of pomegranate seeds. Serve immediately. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SENSES.CA**

Leftover Turkey Sandwich

This recipe makes one serving.

Leftover Turkey Sandwich

Health-conscious foodies can feast on leftover turkey with these sandwiches. Some ingredients for this tasty treat are organic and gluten-free.

Ingredients:

- 1 slice gluten-free bread
- Shredded or sliced turkey meat
- Grated Gruyere cheese
- Organic chicken gravy, heated
- Cracked black pepper, to taste

Preparation:

1. Toast bread on baking sheet and top with turkey meat. Top with grated Gruyere cheese. Bake in a 180 C (350 F) oven for 7 to 9 minutes or until heated through. Remove from oven and pour hot chicken gravy on top. Sprinkle with cracked black pepper.

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Here's to a healthy new year

If you feel large, lethargic and lazy after the holidays, take heart — most of us do. And if you, too, are determined to clean up your health in 2012, here's how to get started.

Go cold turkey
"Start a diet where you don't restrict how much you're eating but more what you're eating," suggests Dr. Natasha Turner, a Toronto-based naturopathic doctor and author of The Supercharged Hormone Diet. She suggests removing foods from your diet that can cause you to overeat and feel bloated.

Build a better diet
From there, add healthy options including plenty of lean proteins and healthier carbohydrates such as sweet potatoes and quinoa. Also, try supplements such as vitamin D and fish oils to lower your insulin.

Add in exercise
For the first month, Turner suggests exercise newbies stick to yoga and walking for activity. Then add strength training exercises using your own body — think push-ups, squats and lunges — plus some cardiovascular activity.

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▶ Be realistic about what you can do when you make a new year's resolution.

Life is a balancing act

Put yourself first as you maximize your special qualities and attributes

PAULINE ANDERSON
FOR METRO

To strike a better work/life balance this year, ask yourself what you can do to "declutter" or make improvements in each of your personal "rooms" — the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual parts of your life.

That's the advice of Cate Collins, CEO of Powerful Journey Consulting and a Pilates instructor at the YMCA in Durham, Ont. She gives the example of letting go of old resentments or slights you may be harbouring in the emotional part of your life. This, she says, might involve learning to forgive — yourself or someone else.

Here are some of Collins' other helpful tips for a more balanced life:

▶ Put yourself first. Women tend to put the needs of their significant other and their children ahead of their own needs, whereas men tend to sacrifice themselves at work in order to get ahead. "We're a three-tiered fountain," says Collins. "We have to remember that the middle and bottom tiers get filled up with waters overflowing from the top. The more I'm grounded and anchored in myself, and connected to what I need, the more I feel fulfilled, and then the more those around me benefit."

▶ Resolve to make a change for only 21 days. If you want to get more active, for example, this is more "doable" than vowing to keep it up for an entire year. And when you reach that first goal, do it again.

▶ Be realistic about what you can do. Don't resolve to start weight lifting every night before bed if that doesn't suit your lifestyle. Maybe an exercise routine in the morning, before work, is best for you.

▶ Remember that being active is as much a habit as being inactive. It's just a matter of getting into a healthier, more balanced routine. Ask yourself what you can do differently to attain that goal.

▶ Maximize who you are. Every one has special qualities and attributes that make them unique. "All too often, people get overwhelmed by their lives; they get stressed and lose their way," says Collins. "Make sure that you leave your imprint."

Initiatives

More and more companies are jumping on the work/life bandwagon. Here are some employer initiatives that may help balance your life:

- Fitness facilities, or fitness membership assistance.
- On-site seminars and workshops (on such topics as stress).
- Flexible work arrangements.
- On-site childcare.
- Seasonal childcare programs (i.e. March break activities).
- Parental leave for adoptive parents.
- Leaves of absence policies (i.e. educational leave).
- Educational or training opportunities.

Find the right spot

Hmm … are you drowning in leftover gift bags, scrambling to find room for holiday decorations and determined to declutter your children's playroom? If you are looking to start the new year on a better organizational foot, Jacki Brown, the Trenton, Ont.-based president of the Professional Organizers of Canada, shares her tips on getting organized in 2012.

Getting started
Make a goal and ensure you are doing it for yourself — not your spouse, for example, so you will actually want to do it. Follow that with a plan. That might be as simple as putting together a cleaning schedule, or setting a specific night to do the bills.

Use little steps
"Start with something small such as a drawer or a shelf if you're organizing your home," says Brown. Otherwise, projects seem too daunting to tackle.

Look for solutions
If making those bill payments is your 2012 struggle to overcome, find solutions to make your goal easier to achieve, suggests Brown. "So, for example, look for automated billing or equalizing payment options," she says.

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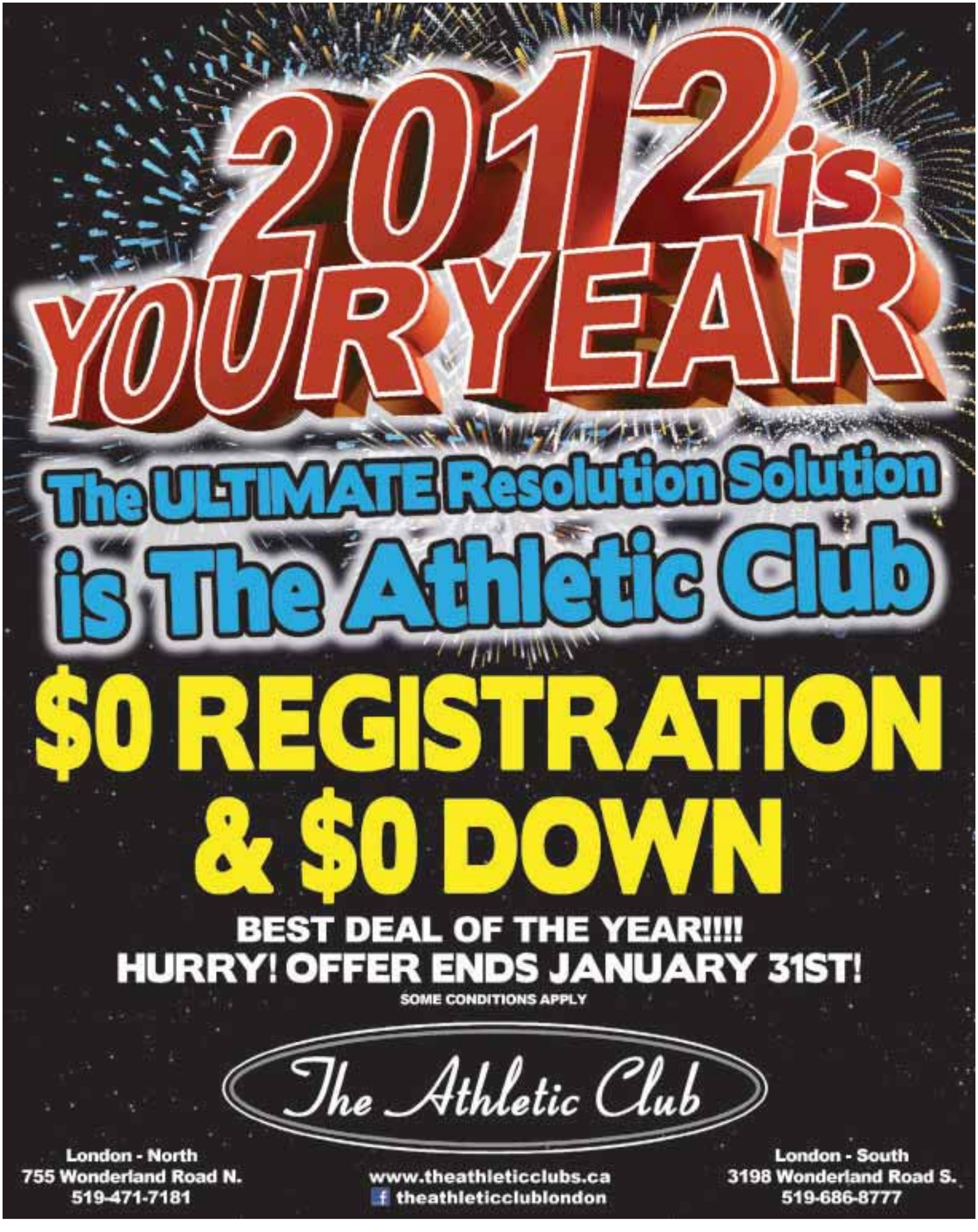
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Revise courses to fit the reality

Former student asks educators to listen up **Says more attention needs to be paid to relevancy of all courses**

STUDENT VOICE

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In 2006, I applied to the Human Resources program at George Brown College. I thought I wanted to be a social worker or a psychologist. Criminology and law also interested me, but I got discouraged by friends and family.

I never imagined myself getting into business because it completely disinterested me. However, with HR slowly becoming more popular, I thought it would be a perfect job because of the human element, combined with business.

I did two and a half years at George Brown and then transferred to Ryerson University to complete my HR degree (another 2.25 years). My options were clear-cut: HR could be in any company, dealing with any aspect of employment!

▶ Elle Kamensky advises students to do some serious research before choosing what program to spend their money and time on.

What every one of my professors failed to mention, though, is this thing called "reality".

It is increasingly difficult to get into entry-level HR. Large companies do not have large HR departments. This means a lot of the students who are churned out every year end up being jobless, going back to school or finding work that is not within their field.

My former classmates are going through similar HR experiences. Recruiters tell me entry-level HR roles are as hard to pin down as Big Foot. Hiring managers are demanding skills not taught in either college or university. There appears to be a large discrepancy between the real jobs out there and what our post-secondary institutions insist we are taught.

Many post-secondary institutions should conduct audits and revisions of their programs. I wasted time and money re-taking unnecessary courses instead of gaining experience, which is what matters to employers. There are many programs which make certain courses a priority, when in fact they fail to administer them properly or take into account that they are simply not necessary.

My best advice for students in post-secondary institutions is to research, research, research. Do not simply apply for a program you think you like and assume you will know what to do by the end of it.

Instead, research the program you want to enter at every institution you are interested in attending, then do some real research online or at a library to find out your actual chances of getting a job. Never underestimate what you see on job boards, as that is what employers are after, so make sure you know what skills you have to acquire in your next four years.

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Where Elle is now

I am still searching for an entry-level HR position. I learned a great deal about myself through this experience and found the inspiration to start my own site, at under-graduatelife.info.

Wizards put spell on Raps in D.C.

WIZARDS	RAPTORS
93	78

Rashard Lewis and Nick Young each had 15 points to lead the Washington Wizards to their first win after eight straight losses, a 93-78 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

After the worst start in franchise history, coach Flip Saunders left Andray Blatche and Lewis on the bench to start the game. It was the first time this season Blatche didn't start.

Blatche had nine points and eight rebounds in 25 minutes. John Wall tied his season high with nine assists, but missed nine of 12 shots. In his last two games, Wall is six for 21 from the field.

Toronto, which was playing its second of three games in three nights, was led by Andrea Bargnani with 22 points.

The Raptors, who scored just 62 points against Philadelphia on Saturday, threatened that mark again. After leading 20-17 after one, Toronto scored just 14 points in the second quarter and 18 in the third. The Raptors missed their first 14 three-point attempts and committed a season-high 23 turnovers.

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▶ Sabres goalie Ryan Miller sits in goal as the Leafs celebrate Nikolai Kulemin's first period goal in Toronto on Tuesday night.

Leafs stomp on Sabres

Gustavsson earns 2nd shutout in three starts ◐ Kulemin and Grabovski provide offence for Toronto in first half of home-and-home with Buffalo

The Toronto Maple Leafs are starting to give themselves a little more breathing room in the Eastern Conference standings.

Jonas Gustavsson stopped all 32 shots he faced Tuesday to record the shutout as Toronto beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-0.

The victory moved the Leafs eight points ahead of the struggling Sabres heading into Friday's rematch between the teams in Buffalo. It also gave them a four-point cushion over the ninth-place Winnipeg Jets.

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Nikolai Kulemin and Mikhail Grabovski had goals for Toronto (22-15-5), which won all four games on a homestand that started Jan. 3.

The Sabres saw their record fall to 18-19-5.

Buffalo goaltender Ryan Miller has enjoyed a tremendous amount of success against the Leafs during his career, but that's started to change in the past two seasons. Fans at the Air Canada Centre derisively chanted "Millllller! Millllller!" as he saw his record fall to 1-5 against Toronto in his last six starts.

A familiar problem plagued the Sabres and Miller once again on this night — a lack of scoring.

Toronto, meanwhile, got all of the offence it needed in the first period thanks in part to a tough start for Sabres forward Drew Stafford. He was all alone in front of the Leafs net with an early chance but couldn't lift the puck over Gustavsson's glove.

A few minutes later, Stafford inadvertently cleared the puck over the glass in his own end. On the resulting Leafs power play, Kulemin corralled the puck and slid it under Miller to open the scoring at 8:55.

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Raiders fire first-year coach

The Oakland Raiders fired coach Hue Jackson on Tuesday after just one season at the helm in the first major move since Reggie McKenzie was hired as general manager.

The decision to get rid of Jackson came four days after the team announced the hiring of McKenzie as the team's first general manager since the death of longtime owner Al Davis in October.

The move marks a rapid fall for Jackson, who was in charge of personnel decisions and coaching after Davis died of heart failure on Oct. 8.

Jackson made the trade for quarterback Carson Palmer after starter Jason Campbell broke his collarbone, costing the Raiders a 2012 first-round draft pick and a conditional 2013 second-rounder.

While Palmer showed signs of giving the Raiders a big-time quarterback, he was unable to get Oakland to the playoffs for the first time since 2002, raising questions about how effective that trade was.

After starting the season 7-4, the Raiders lost four of their final five games to mark their ninth straight season without a winning record or a playoff berth. A late-game collapse at home to Detroit on Dec. 18 and a 38-26 loss to San Diego at home in the season finale did in the Raiders and ultimately Jackson.

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RON CARON

'Professor' dead at 82

Ron Caron, the fiery and brilliant long-time hockey executive known as the "Professor," has died. He was 82.

Caron worked as a scout and assistant general manager under long-time GM Sam Pollock and helped build the Montreal teams that won Stanley Cups in 1971, '73 and four straight titles from '76-'79.

The Gatineau, Que., native was named general manager of the St. Louis Blues in 1983 and spent over a decade in the position, acquiring stars like Brett Hull and Doug Gilmour to build a franchise struggling to survive into a competitive team.

He died Monday night in Montreal, a Blues team spokesman confirmed Tuesday morning. No cause of death was released. Caron suffered a stroke in 2003 and had been living in a nursing home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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No more moves?

With retooled bullpen, Blue Jays GM says off-season shopping probably done

After a busy off-season, the general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays says he's probably done tinkering with the roster for now.

Speaking at a winter caravan stop in his hometown of Montreal, Alex Anthopoulos said he does not expect to make any more significant changes to the club's roster ahead of spring training.

Anthopoulos has been active in recent weeks, overhauling the team's bullpen and making a few additions to strengthen the bench.

He said the team as it stands now is likely the one fans can expect to see when camp opens next month in Dunedin, Fla.

"I think we've filled all the positions, but there are always areas to improve,"

"Acquiring Sergio Santos gives us that ninth-inning guy that we can bridge to."
MANAGER JOHN FARRELL

Anthopoulos said Tuesday. "I wouldn't anticipate any free agent signings anymore at this point ... there's some focus on the trade market but as we sit here today, I don't see us doing anything else between now and spring training."

But as always, Anthopoulos noted, "that can change with one phone call."

The team added veteran left-hander Darren Oliver to the bullpen mix on Monday. Toronto also acquired closer Sergio Santos and brought back reliever Jason Frasor in separate deals with the White Sox earlier in the off-season.

Anthopoulos has also retooled the Jays bench, notably with the additions of outfielder Ben Francisco and backup catcher Jeff Mathis.

Last season, the Jays had a deep lineup that finished in the top five in runs scored but they also had an erratic bullpen. Toronto finished fourth in the American League East with an 81-81 record.

Manager John Farrell said he likes the depth in the outfield with the only question mark being who will start in left field: Eric Thames or Travis Snider.

But having a group of relievers with defined roles in 2012 should help, he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

College. Football

▶ The Alabama football team arrives at Tuscaloosa Regional Airport on Tuesday.

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Alabama welcomes champs home

Alabama's NCAA championship football team returned home Tuesday to a state where the Crimson Tide's BCS victory over LSU had special meaning after last year's deadly tornado outbreak. Hundreds cheered at Tuscaloosa's airport as the team arrived from New Orleans on two charter jets. Fans stood with umbrellas and red-and-white shakers in a steady rain just a few miles from neighbourhoods devastated by a tornado that killed more than 50 people in the city, including several students.

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Powerplant option 1

The Malibu's starting point is a new base 2.5-litre four-cylinder that produces an estimated 190 horsepower and 180 pound-feet of torque.

That's up from the previous 2.4-litre four-cylinder's 169/158 rating. The new 2.5 operates through a six-speed automatic transmission.

Powerplant option 2

The second offering is the General Motors' eAssist limited hybrid system, similar to that used in the 2012 Buick LaCrosse and Regal.

This "Eco" model consists of a 182-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder gas engine working in tandem with a 15-horsepower electric motor/generator (with 110 pound-feet of torque) and six-speed automatic transmission. The motor replaces the traditional alternator, assisting the engine via a belt with power supplied by a lithium-ion battery pack located behind the rear seat.

Eco technologies

The battery contributes about 30 kilograms to the Malibu's weight, but the Eco's aluminum hood and rear bumper beam (and other measures) slice a reported 60 kilograms from the car's total.

Other Eco technologies include stop/start that shuts off the engine when the vehicle is at rest, then fires it up when the brake pedal is released.

As well, a system recovers braking energy and converts it into electrical energy to help recharge the batteries.

▶ Even though it will be sold in countries with narrow streets, the new Malibu is about eight centimetres wider than the previous model.

Chevy Malibu poised to make some waves

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It sheds about 11.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels, but is slightly taller and nearly eight centimetres wider.

Along with a broader stance, the result is added interior volume, especially front and rear shoulder and hip room.

In addition, the amount of available trunk space has also been increased.

The previous Malibu was no slouch, yet the new car takes that up a notch in terms of style and fuel economy. It doesn't qualify as spectacular, or jaw dropping, but that seems to be the norm in the mid-size-sedan class. But with the competition so stiff, offering up something exciting and jaw dropping might not be far off so as to create a car you not only like, but one you fall in love with.

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Hyundai brand gets another big boost

Elantra wins North American Car of Year Range Rover Evoque notches truck honour

The Hyundai Elantra edged out the Ford Focus and Volkswagen Passat Monday to win the 2012 North American Car of the Year award.

The prestigious industry award was announced at the start of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, which hosts media previews this week and opens to the public on Saturday.

The Land Rover Range Rover Evoque won the North American Truck of the Year, beating the BMW X3 and Honda CR-V.

Jaguar Land Rover North America President Andy Goss said it's a tremendous honour and humbling for the company, which has had finalists but never a winner in the 19th annual independent awards program.

"We're going to market the hell out of this," said a smiling Goss on a stage above the four-cylinder sport-utility vehicle. The U.S. is the world's largest Range Rover market.

Fifty automotive journalists voted on the winning vehicles from a group of finalists, and the vehicles must be all new or substantially changed to be eligible.

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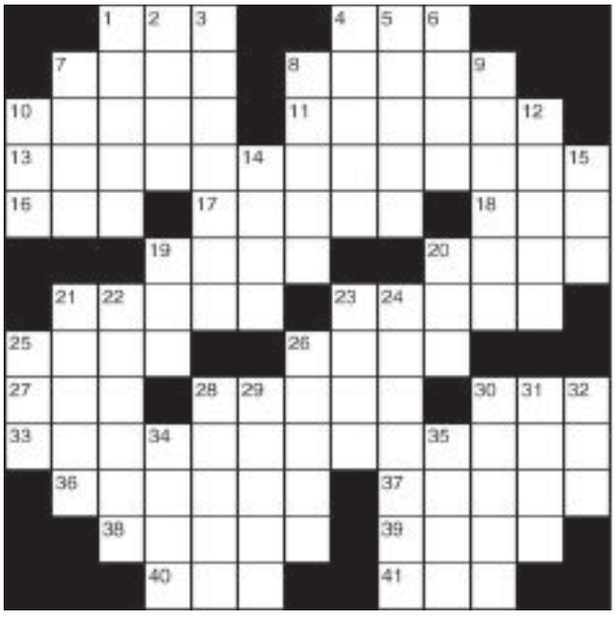

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1 After-hours bank (Abbr.)
4 Bribe
7 Roundish hairstyle
8 Eye-related
10 Extraterrestrial
11 Lowest point
13 Does hard labor
16 Shelter
17 One with a burden
18 Wildebeest
19 Pod dwellers
20 Appear
21 Get more ammo
23 Tooth buyer?
25 Vegan's no-no
26 Wall Street wheeler-dealers, for short
27 Ahs' mates
28 Prickly plant
30 Carnival city
33 Pecks
36 Do as you're told
37 August forecast
38 Out of bed
39 Belligerent god
40 Encountered
41 Wife's address

Down

1 Blazing
2 "Star —"
3 Nessie, e.g.
4 Wheel radius
5 Playful water critter
6 Pocket bread
7 Lotion additive
8 Last write-ups
9 Eccentric old gent
10 Piercing tool
12 1-Across offering
14 Clay-rich soil
15 Wrigley product
19 Butter square
20 Family member, briefly
21 Place to recover
22 Spring holiday
23 Gratis
24 "—, Martin and John"
25 Larry's pal
26 "American Idol" alumnus Clay
28 World-weary
29 Construction connector
30 Singer LeAnn
31 Eye part
32 Peculiar
34 Doorstop, often
35 "Perry Mason" star

▶ Tuesday's answer

Sudoku

1							5	3
9	4		7		8			2
6				2				
	9				4			
3		4				8		1
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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Tuesday's answer ▶

2	1	5	3	7	9	8	6	4
4	6	9	8	2	5	3	1	7
3	7	8	4	6	1	5	2	9
1	3	2	5	4	8	9	7	6
7	5	4	6	9	3	2	8	1
8	9	6	2	1	7	4	5	3
9	8	3	1	5	6	7	4	2
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FROM JIM

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
What seems of no importance to you may be of earth-shattering significance to someone else, so don't dismiss their worries out of hand.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
You should be out in the world making things happen.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Whatever happens today, be it good or be it bad, don't let your emotions get the better of you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
You have no choice but to accept that partners and colleagues have the upper hand.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Yes, you can get angry and bawl someone out — they certainly deserve it — but will it make any difference in the long-term?

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Some topics are best avoided today.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You may be thinking of changing something in your life, but is it really necessary?

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
If you are in any way artistic now is the time to create something special.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 The decisions you make today must be logical and practical — otherwise they could come back to haunt you on the 20th.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A problem that has been causing you sleepless nights must be dealt with immediately,

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart could make this a confusing sort of day, but don't let it worry you because nothing bad will come of it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.
There is no need to worry if you have not seen eye-to-eye with a loved one in recent weeks. What happens today will give you the chance to explain yourself

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